

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JUNE 1947

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

## POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st March 1947 was estimated to be 500,792, comprising 258,971 males and 241,821 females.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

			MAY		5 months ended	
			1947	1946	May 1947	May 1946
Marriages	..	No.	382	453	2,371	2,226
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.96	10.81	11.46	10.92
Births	..	No.	1,076	961	5,707	4,221
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	25.24	22.92	27.58	20.70
Deaths	..	No.	342	406	1,771	1,806
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.02	9.68	8.56	8.86
Infant Mortality		No.	32	25	175	135
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	29.74	26.01	30.66	31.98

## PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	8	17	61	75
Cancer	42	49	231	212
Influenza	2	1	3	5
Diphtheria	2	-	5	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	23	29	146	161
Arteriosclerosis	8	18	65	49
Diseases of the Heart	101	100	451	470
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	27	24	104	100
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	2	10	18
Nephritis	18	18	69	60
Diseases of Early Infancy	21	13	88	68
Senility	7	11	48	42
Accidents	16	35	113	141
All Other Causes	66	89	377	399
TOTAL	342	406	1,771	1,806

\*Equivalent Annual Rate

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## LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June totalled 332,353 acres, an increase of 220,893 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 4,503,797 acres, an increase of 3,680,203 acres.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1947 £.	1946 £.	1947 £.	1946 £.
Revenue ..	2,150,048	2,253,111	14,980,875	*14,407,557
Revenue per head of Population	£4.5.7d.	£4.11.3d.	£30.1.6d.	£29.5.9d.
Expenditure ..	1,506,468	1,341,140	15,028,427	14,407,557
Expenditure per Head of Population	£3.0.0d.	£2.14.4d.	£30.3.4d.	£29.5.9d.

\*Includes a special grant of £912,559 by the Commonwealth.

## SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th June amounted to £36,625,137, or £72.16.10d. per head of population, as against £38,289,087, or £77.9.11d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

## BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 25th June 1947 amounted to £3,923,351, compared with £3,513,567 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JUNE		12 months ended June	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ..	(No.      £.)	1,641 826,723	1,476 723,131	18,615 9,568,890	15,124 6,591,349
Mortgages ..	(No.      £.)	922 883,051	814 690,795	10,566 9,409,085	6,633 5,690,020
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	941	776	9,799	7,984

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE &amp; EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross) £.	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross) £.		
1946 -				
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
Sept.	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947 -				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149





## COMPANIES REGISTERED

104 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,188,750, and 44 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended 30th June 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 61 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £931,100, and 25 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY.

	Twelve months ended June					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	23	32,672	17,470	10	23,019	8,064
Deeds of Assignment (a)	10	14,457	9,173	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	MAY		11 months ended May	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	£. 372,300	379,000	3,715,400	3,832,700
Working Expenses	£. 430,113	361,270	4,003,161	3,735,925
Train miles run	626,847	599,707	6,151,862	5,877,754
Passenger Journeys	1,129,304	1,408,636	12,509,678	15,583,615
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	245,128	273,864	2,220,236	2,400,340
Livestock	9,250	9,068	137,704	128,053
Departmental (Free Freight)	41,320	42,093	450,534	425,925
Total	295,698	325,025	2,808,474	2,954,318
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	37,190,749	34,673,061	318,585,382	310,030,676
Livestock	960,295	1,004,577	16,739,433	15,072,525
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,734,772	6,223,313	70,246,025	62,880,847
Total	43,885,816	41,900,951	405,570,840	387,984,048

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## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
1947 -								
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60
June	83	26	-	32	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	31,972	29,836	309	7,660
March	20,298	9,297	252	5,111	32,315	30,471	318	7,866
April	20,281	9,295	253	5,169	32,327	30,718	325	8,009
May	20,425	9,419	255	5,243	32,642	31,227	331	8,135
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## (3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - JUNE	86	380	4	3

## T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - May 1947 and 1946, and 11 months ending May 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian Currency

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	11 months ended		May		11 months ended		May	
	MAY 1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	MAY 1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)
Oversea	984	734	8,986	5,359	1,899	3,481	21,648	18,892
Interstate	1,986	1,702	18,907	14,812	653	156	4,666	5,567
Total	2,970	2,436	27,893	20,171	2,552	3,637	26,314	24,459

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## BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Ware-houses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE 1947	197	217,551	8	48,419	281	17,147	486	283,117
JUNE 1946	82	84,146	12	4,470	237	20,844	331	109,460
Year ended June 1947	1,597	1,777,442	92	132,799	2,888	338,368	4,577	2,248,609
Year ended June 1946	1,251	1,112,933	111	70,853	2,632	315,718	3,994	1,499,504

\*Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District and those by Public Works Department.

## (2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JUNE 1947	34	31,326	3	1,291	51	6,617	88	39,234
JUNE 1946	38	28,568	3	1,865	41	3,104	82	33,537
Year ended June 1947	319	272,390	39	16,960	546	61,235	904	350,585
Year ended June 1946	315	157,242	40	21,012	449	39,066	704	217,320

\*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

562,163 lbs. were produced during May and 12,482,250 lbs. for the eleven months ended May 1947, as against 459,360 lbs. and 11,926,527 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

## GOLD PRODUCTION

		JUNE		6 months ended	
		1947	1946	June 1947	June 1946
Quantity	Fine Oz.	53,833	44,527	324,367	251,986
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	579,374	479,219	3,491,010	2,712,002

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June 1947 amounted to £341,329. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £208,204.





## RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1110	1067	1069	1062
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1242	1201	1201	1194
Northam	1128	1083	1084	1073
Bunbury	1111	1065	1067	1052
Geraldton	1136	1092	1093	1085
Collie	1124	1078	1083	1074

## EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1151
June	135	139	145	154		835	829	903	1087	
July	136	140	146	156(a)		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109	
Sept.	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JUNE		12 months ended June	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	18,175	15,017	201,025	186,641
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,970	13,061	171,705	159,065

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle		Calves		Sheep		Pigs	
	No.		No.		No.		No.	
June 1947	..	12,810	..	674	..	34,481	..	6,982
June 1946	..	13,063	..	555	..	61,017	..	10,457
6 months ended June 1947		46,967		2,019		351,335		61,931
6 months ended June 1946		44,442		1,630		369,319		81,531

